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**All are welcome at Luther Memorial.
Come join us for worship every Sunday at 10 am!**



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December 15 is the deadline for articles in the **January** issue.

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PJ's Page

As I write this, Thanksgiving is a week away, but the holiday lights at my neighborhood grocery store and shopping complex were shining for the first time tonight. I must confess that I felt a shiver of excitement when I saw them illuminated! In a week and a half it will be here.....

ADVENT!

Of course, nothing in our culture is heralding the arrival of Advent. It's all already about Christmas. All of this fanfare is more about helping us part with our money than it is with waiting for a Savior. But even the cynical part of me feels a thrill at the first lights of the season.

Last year, during the first two weeks of Advent, Bruce and I realized my life long dream of returning to Germany, where I lived as a very small child and where he went to high school. While I had anticipated many things, I was nonetheless surprised by the wonderful way the Germans kept Advent. Advent in Germany is more than a season for the Church, it is a time kept by the culture. Posters in the town squares invited us to Advent concerts and Advent celebrations and Advent exhibits. Hotels, department stores, train stations, and airport lobbies were adorned with Advent wreaths and on Sundays, the candles were lit with care. If for no other

reason, I came to love this home of my ancestors for its keeping of Advent - its willingness to wait and acknowledge the waiting.

This year, it is my hope to create a place where waiting is welcomed, both in our home AND in our church home. I am hopeful that you will find space there to consider what it is for which you wait. Do you await news?

Recovery? A relationship? The perfect job? In many ways, waiting is hard. In our culture we can instant message and watch our favorite shows on demand. We don't have much practice waiting.



In this season, then, when we wait for the Christ child, our waiting turns to longing for Jesus. The commercials, Facebook ads, and emails from Groupon want us to fill our waiting with purchasing. Instead, let's fill our waiting with reflection, silence, prayer....with candles, song, and sighs too deep for words.

Soon, the manger will hold a child, Mary will ponder what it all means and the magi will journey toward the light of a star. And in time, our waiting will be over. Even so, Lord Jesus, quickly come.

Faithfully,

Pastor Julie Hobart

Stewardship Living

Stewarding Our Stories

Thank You to everyone for pledging your gifts of presence, time, talent, and financial support. If you have not turned in your Time & Talent sheet or your pledge card, please mail or bring it to the office.

As a small token of gratitude, there are bookmarks at The Welcome Center during the month of November. Those bookmarks include this Blessing by Jan Richardson (used with her permission):



Blessing the Story

You might think
this blessing lives
in the story
that you can see,
that it has curled up
in a comfortable spot
on the surface
of the telling.
But this blessing lives
in the story beneath
the story.

It lives in the story
inside the story.
In the spaces
between.
In the edges,
the margins,
the mysterious gaps,
the enticing and
fertile emptiness.

This blessing
makes its home
within the layers.

This blessing is
doorway and portal,
passage and path.
It is more ancient
than imagining
and makes itself
ever new.

This blessing
is where the story
begins.

-Jan Richardson
© Jan Richardson.

LMLC News and Events

Advent Worship

During this season, you will see that the sanctuary is newly dressed in Advent finery. Our thanks to Darren Hochstedler, liturgical arts designer extraordinaire!



Here is our schedule of events during this season of Advent/Christmas.

Sunday, Nov. 30: First Sunday in Advent

10 am: Worship

Wednesday, Dec. 3: Midweek Advent Activities

6:00 pm: Advent Bible Study: The Infancy Narrative in Matthew

7:00 pm: Holden Evening Prayer

7:30 pm: Fellowship & Treats

Saturday, Dec. 6:

Noon: Soup and Song

Sunday, Dec. 7: Second Sunday in Advent

10am: Children's Program

11:30am: Christmas Caroling

Wednesday, Dec. 10: Midweek Advent Activities

6:00pm: Advent Bible Study: The Infancy Narrative in Luke

7:00pm: Holden Evening Prayer

7:30pm: Fellowship & Treats

Sunday, Dec. 14: Third Sunday in Advent

10 am: Worship

Wednesday, Dec. 17: Midweek Advent Activities

5:30-6:00 pm: Classical Flute Trio

6:00pm: Advent Bible Study: The "Infancy Narrative" in John

7:00pm: Holden Evening Prayer

7:30pm: Fellowship & Treats

Sunday, Dec. 21: Fourth Sunday in Advent

10 am: Worship

Wednesday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve

9 pm: Worship

Sunday, Dec. 28: First Sunday After Christmas

10 am: Worship



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From Pastor Julie

Bruce joins me in wishing each of you a holy Advent and a blessed Christmas. Please know that we are so grateful for your presence in this place, for the ways you share your gifts, and for our shared ministry.

May Christ, born into time to bring endless peace

Guide your days and years in righteousness

From this time onward and forevermore.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



Season of Giving Tree

The Season of Giving tree is in the narthex, with tags on the branches. We are offering our support to the women and children of Mary's Place in this holiday season.



There are 3 different types of tags, indicating 3 different ways to give:

- 1) Tags for a \$20 donation so that a gift certificate for new shoes may be purchased by Mary's Place and given to a homeless man or woman.
- 2) Tags for toys. These gifts will be given to homeless parents and grandparents so that they can give them to their children and grandchildren and share in the joy of giving this holiday season.
- 3) Tags for "Mom" and "Dad" gifts. These items for adults will be placed in the "Santa Store" at Mary's Place, where the children have the opportunity to select gifts for their parents.

All donations are due back at Luther Memorial on **Sunday, December 7th!**



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Thank you!

I am sitting in the pastor's office at Friedens Lutheran Church in Shartlesville, Pennsylvania, looking at the beautiful quilt you gave me as an ordination gift, and pinching myself. This is all real- I'm a pastor! My ordination on All Saints' Day was very joyous, and your presence was very much felt. It wouldn't have been the same without Pastor Julie's meaningful sermon, and I am so grateful you sent her out to Ohio to be with me on such an important day.

Thank you for your cards, encouraging words, and congratulations. I take heart from your well wishes and the lessons and gifts from my year of internship with you. I carry that wonderful experience into this new place. As the quilt says, LMLC will always be with me.

I will continue to keep you all in my prayers, as God's love is made known through your presence on Greenwood and 132nd.

*With God's love and mine,
Pastor Inge*



Planning Ahead...



Saturday, Dec. 6th: Noon! Soup and Song!

This favorite activity is being moved to Saturday at noon. We need VOLUNTEERS to drive those who need a ride, provide soup, serve, and clean up. Volunteers can sign up at Sign Up Central in The Welcome Center.

If you would like a RIDE, please let Pastor Julie or the office know or sign up at Sign Up Central.

Sunday, Dec. 7th: Children's Advent Pageant & Caroling

During 10am worship, our Children will present their annual pageant. Come and support our youngest disciples!

Following worship we invite EVERYONE to join us for caroling. We always enjoy bringing some hymns of the season to our folks who cannot make it to worship.



Christmas Eve Worship: 9pm

Celebrate the birth of the Christ child in this traditional Eucharist service with candles, carols, and much good cheer!



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Support LMLC by shopping on Amazon!

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Lutheran Church

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What is the AmazonSmile Foundation?

The AmazonSmile Foundation is a 501(c)(3) private foundation created by Amazon to administer the AmazonSmile program. All donation amounts generated by the AmazonSmile program are remitted to the AmazonSmile Foundation. In turn, the AmazonSmile Foundation donates those amounts to the charitable organizations selected by our customers. Amazon pays all expenses of the AmazonSmile Foundation; they are not deducted from the donation amounts generated by purchases on AmazonSmile.

How does AmazonSmile work?

When first visiting AmazonSmile, customers are prompted to select a charitable organization from almost one million eligible organizations. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization.

How does my organization receive the donations?

Each quarter, the AmazonSmile Foundation makes donations to eligible charitable organizations by electronic funds transfer. Donations will be transferred approximately 45 days after the end of each calendar quarter. To account for Product returns, a portion of the quarterly donations will be withheld until the next donation cycle, subject to any reduction due to returns from prior quarters.

To sign up, or shop go to: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-0679122>

Welcome New Members!

Luther Memorial is pleased to welcome Kelly Eidsmoe and Ron Thomas as our newest members! Ron and Kelly join us by profession of faith. Welcome!!

Financial Picture



Sunday Church School Christmas Program

Believe it or not Christmas is just around the corner! Be sure to join us on Sunday, December 7th at worship to enjoy a special Christmas program presented by our young people, "The Gifts of the Kings". Thank you to Heidi Gough and Donna Smith for their work on this program!

Flute Trio

On Wednesday, Dec. 17th, we will enjoy the sounds of this Advent season from a classical flute trio; playing from 5:30-6:00. Come and join us for this time!

Financial Notes:

- As the fiscal year comes to a close, we give thanks for your financial support of the ministries and mission of Luther Memorial Church in 2014. As you consider end of the year gifts, please remember the stories of how our ministries have made a difference and consider an gift to Luther Memorial. Thank you

Poinsettia Donations

Poinsettias can be given in memory or in honor of someone special to you. The cost is \$10; checks can be made payable to LMLC with *Poinsettia* in the memo line, cash can be put in an envelope similarly marked, or contributions can be made online through our website (www.luthermemoralseattle.com/onlinegiving), noting it as a dedication. Please place checks or cash in the offering plate with the completed form.

The poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

I wish to donate _____ poinsettias at \$10 each.

Your Name:

Please circle if you wish to donate in memory or honor

In memory/honor of:

In memory/honor of:

In memory/honor of:

Please circle payment form:

Cash

Check

Online

Financial Picture

Monthly financial reports are now found in *The Messenger*. Your Council, Treasurer, Stewardship Team, and Pastor hope that these will give you a good idea of how our finances are faring. Talking about money, budgets, and giving is a part of Stewardship. We hope that having this information in *The Messenger* will be helpful to you in your financial support of the ministries of Luther Memorial.

November 2014

Preliminary Financial Picture as of 11/23/14

Data is not finalized and is subject to reconciliation.

LMLC 2014 Full Year Budget:

\$219, 044.64

Contributions Needed per week :

\$4,212.39

November Contributions Received as of 11/23/14

November 2 \$3,575.00

November 16 \$2,312.00

November 9 \$7,600.02

November 23 \$4,335.00

Contributions: \$17,822.02

Budgeted as of 11/23: \$16,849.59

Difference:

+\$972.43

November Contribution Designations

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Helping Hands	\$500.00
World Hunger	\$290.00
Memorials	\$50.00
Lutheran World Relief	\$275.00
Fred Meyer/Amazon/Safeway Rewards	\$198.94
ELCA - Other	\$500.00
Room Use	\$370.00
Gifts other than Offerings and Tithes - General Fund	\$3,709.67
Unpledged Offerings and Tithes	\$2,872.00
Pledged Offerings and Tithes	\$9,056.41

Total November Contributions as of 11/23/14: \$17,822.02

ELCA Prayer Ventures



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the church.

Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

1: In this Advent season, we anticipate and acknowledge the presence of the light that no darkness can overcome, Jesus Christ.

2: Grounded in prayer, we hope that the current truce following the recent war between Israel and Hamas in Gaza will hold so that God's peace and justice will prevail.

3: We give thanks for the ELCA Church Council which has approved the implementation of this church's Disability Ministries and Youth and Young Adult programs into *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*.

4: More than 2 billion people – a third of the world's population – do not have access to improved sanitation and remain at risk for cholera. We give thanks for ELCA members and partners working to improve sanitation facilities around the world.

5: We give thanks for ELCA members and others who have contributed \$13 million to the ELCA Malaria Campaign in their effort to raise \$15 million by 2015. Through the campaign, ELCA members have joined with companion Lutheran churches and partners in 13 African countries to prevent and treat malaria, educate communities about the disease and more.

6: Grant ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and other ELCA leaders joy and a spirit of bold trust, that their work may stir us to a life of fruitful service.

7: In daily life cultural, ethnic and racial differences matter, but they can be seen and celebrated as what God intends them to be — blessings rather than means of oppression and discrimination.

8: Ever living God, strengthen and sustain the membership of this church, that with patience and understanding we may continue to love and care for your people.

9: We give thanks for the "appreciative inquiry" process led by our presiding bishop, a process that recognizes the ministries that this church does well and areas in which there's room to grow. By thinking together, we can imagine what God is calling this church to be.

10: We give thanks for the generosity of the more than 3.8 million ELCA members, as we strive to be faithful in our efforts to strengthen the life-impacting ministries of this church.

11: We give thanks for Lutheran Disaster Response, which enables ELCA members to partner alongside people and communities impacted by a disaster, as together we navigate our way through recovery.

12: Lord God, you have called this church to respond to the needs of the unaccompanied children arriving in the United States. Guide us as we continue to look for ways to respond, including advocacy and strengthening relationships with Lutheran churches overseas.

13: Keep us in communion with all the saints, especially Lucy, martyr, whom we commemorate today and until that day when all tears will be wiped away and sorrow will be no more.

14: We praise you for your servant John of the Cross, renewer of the church, whom we commemorate on this day. Like John and the saints who walked with him, raise up in our own day teachers and prophets inspired

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by you, with voices that give strength to this church.

15: We give thanks for the men and women who help advance this church's global mission by moving us toward a church that is joining together across its expressions to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ here and around the world.

16: Almighty God, we lift before you those impacted by Ebola. Bless our accompaniment with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone and the Lutheran Church in Liberia.

17: We give thanks for ELCA members and others who have contributed more than \$2.5 million to support humanitarian assistance for survivors of Typhoon Haiyan, which struck the Philippines one year ago.

18: We give thanks for the congregations of this church and lift up their commitments restoring and reconciling communities in a fragmented world.

19: Through the ELCA Book of Faith Initiative encourage all members, from children to adults, to dig deeper into our book of faith, the Bible.

20: We praise you for your servant Katharina von Bora Luther, renewer of the church, whom we commemorate on this day. Like Katharina, raise up in our own day teachers and prophets with voices that give strength to this church.

21: As we light the four candles for Advent, open our eyes to see Christ's presence among us.

22: As congregations are invited to study *The Use of the Means of Grace*, guide our worshiping community's conversation.

23: We give thanks for Lutheran World Relief, an ELCA partner, dedicated to ending poverty, injustice and human suffering around the world.

24: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Glory to God in the highest! We join the angels tonight, singing God's highest praise for what God has done. Glory to God in the highest and peace to you on this Christmas Eve!

25: Whatever we feel today, isolated or at one with those around us, we give thanks that God is with us! Christ has come to dwell with us!

26: Almighty God, give us such an awareness of your mercies that with thankful hearts we praise you.

27: We give thanks for John, apostle and evangelist, whom we celebrate on this day, and pray that the brightness of God's light shine on this church, and that all may walk in the light of truth.

28: On this day we remember the Holy Innocents, martyrs, and the slaughter of innocent children in Bethlehem by order of King Herod. Guide all those who lead to do so in justice and love.

29: We give thanks for ELCA World Hunger, its work and mission of reaching communities in need with innovative solutions that get at the root causes of hunger.

30: We lift up the ELCA's observation of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017.

31: We give thanks for a new year. Grant that in 2015 we may know God's presence, see God's love at work and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever—the coming of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Synod News

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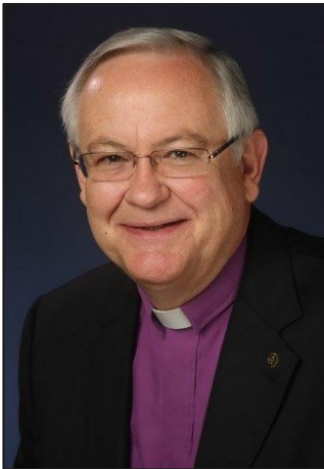
Always
being made
New.

25 YEARS TOGETHER IN CHRIST

The Spirit

Advent's Invitation

by the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop



Advent is upon us again and with it comes the scurry of activities that lead up to the celebration of the Christ child's birth.

It stirs within me memories about how we celebrated Advent with our children as they were growing up. The two family traditions we participated in were the daily opening of the Advent calendar and the lighting of the Advent candles. They both created their own challenges. We

spent too many years fighting over whose turn it would be to perform the rituals. Kim eventually assigned each child a day.

We had one daughter who simply could not resist opening up the little doors of the calendar ahead of their assigned day. She is the same child who knew what all of her presents were before she opened them. This came from the constant examination of them as they sat beneath the Christmas tree. She also could not keep a secret of what she purchased for her sisters and often insisted they open their presents before Christmas Day. She still struggles with waiting.

When it came to the lighting of the Advent candles and the accompanying reading we were hopeless. We just could not lend to it the seriousness that it deserved. The kids and their father too often used funny voices or tried to cut out sections of the readings so we could get on with dinner. At least one

child insisted on playing with the candle wax. And there was the battle over who got to blow out the candles. Mother was not happy with us and on more than one occasion threatened to end the whole celebration. We protested her threat, even though we made fun of the rituals, because we were not prepared to go without.

Somehow we knew that there was something holy in what we were doing. Somehow we knew the marking of each day with these rituals was a way to add value to the expectation of the mystery. The mystery that there is a God. The mystery that this God takes up residency in our world. The mystery that our God becomes human clothed in baby flesh. The mystery of God's constant coming into the world.

This is what ritual does. It calls us back to the truth. It invites us again and again to consider how something so much greater than what we can comprehend can come to be. It invites us to set aside all of the distractions of our lives to entertain for just a few moments what it means that there is a God who cares so deeply for our lives and the whole creation. A God who has the capacity to delight in God's children. Even those who lack proper reverence. Now this is a great God.

May this Advent season be a time that invites you into the mystery of the incarnation. May it provide you with a few moments of holy laughter in the midst of your preparation and anticipation of the word made flesh. Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Advent Open Houses

Your Synod Staff would like to invite all members & friends of the synod to stop by for warm drinks and sweet & savory treats between 1pm - 5pm on the afternoons of:
Tuesday, December 2 - at the Synod Office at St. John United Lutheran Church, Seattle OR
Wednesday, December 3 - at Burlington Lutheran Church, Burlington.

Synod News

ELCA Good Gifts

With the season of Advent and gift-giving upon us, ELCA Good Gifts are a creative, meaningful way to support the ministries of the ELCA that mean the most to you and your loved ones. The items in their catalog lift up examples of work being done in different projects and programs supported by funds from the ELCA: the ELCA Fund for Leaders, ELCA Global Church Sponsorship, the ELCA Malaria Campaign, ELCA New Congregations, ELCA Vision for Mission, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response. Each of these programs is a long-term, partnership-based ministry that focuses on the needs identified by local congregations and global companion churches and their communities.

How does this work?

When you give an ELCA Good Gift you are supporting work within a specific category of ministry. For example, when you give a gift to “stock a health clinic,” your donation goes on to support the health care ministries of ELCA World Hunger where needed most. This allows our global companions to determine how these funds can make the biggest impact in their local contexts, and ensure that our work is sustainable. While exact administrative costs vary from program to program, the fundraising and administrative costs of our work are kept to a minimum. More than 90 percent of your gifts directly support programmatic work; less than 10 percent is used for administration and fundraising. Because of our long-standing, local partnerships around the world, our administrative costs are significantly lower than other organizations.

What is the difference between ELCA Good Gifts and similar organizations?

Many other organizations are doing wonderful work around the world, and some do work in similar ways. A main difference between the ELCA and other programs is that this church receives almost all of the money to fund its work directly through its congregations and members, and almost all of the money that we distribute goes to support the work being carried out by our congregations, global companion churches and ecumenical partners. This is unique because the church is our delivery system. It is successful because the church is present in far corners of the world and already connected and trusted in communities. And finally, it is sustainable. Our churches and partners are the ones who identify local needs and solutions; we just help make those dreams a reality.

What about animals? How can I talk about the importance of animals with others?

The animals of God’s Global Barnyard are among some of the most popular gifts in the catalog. Your gifts to God’s Global Barnyard support the sustainable development ministries of ELCA World Hunger, which include training, education, resources (and more) to help the community care for animals and create new market opportunities like starting a small business selling eggs, meat or dairy products.

Your gifts support this comprehensive approach to animal husbandry. In an effort to help educate others – like your Sunday school class – about the relationship between animals and hunger, check out the Animals and Hunger Toolkit. The toolkit provides lessons, activities and more to explore how animals help families and communities in need.

How can I share examples of different families who have been impacted by our gifts?

For the catalog, videos and stories of families and communities who have been impacted by ELCA World Hunger and other ministries featured in ELCA Good Gifts head to the ELCA website: elca.org/goodgifts

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Information for the January issue of *The Spirit* is due to the Synod Office by December 5

Faith and Everyday Life

Provided by Lutheran Counseling Network

In anticipation of our 33rd Anniversary in 2014 and in our ongoing role as a social ministry organization in the ELCA, we also would like to remind you of our website www.lutherancounseling.net. On it, you will find information about LCN, our staff, locations, means of contact, etc. Here you will also find past articles of Faith and Every Day Life going back to 2007. It is also our hope that this will be another way for you to conveniently direct people to us so as best to access the services they may need.

Faith and Everyday Life

December 2014

We Wish You a *Serious* Christmas...

Well, by now you have probably gotten that we don't mean grim. Even if your family life is difficult during holiday times, we don't mean an upgrade from "critical." Although we do hope this holiday season won't be the death of you.



But maybe it's like that gourmet meal, exquisite in every way, delectable, the finest you have ever experienced. Or maybe we mean that we hope that you take your fear and pain very *seriously* and that this Christmas you will lay it in a manger with the most precious Christmas gift anyone can receive.

We hope that you are ready for a really *serious* relationship with God because God is *serious* about this walking together thing. So very *serious* that God's self was emptied and Jesus walked among us, living in and with the same kind of relationship struggles that we all face.

God is *serious* about loving and caring for these creations called humans. God is *serious* about the consequences of sin and brokenness not being the last word. We find these consequences being a part of our everyday lives as we seek to connect with and love those closest to us. While these relationships are often broken and filled with pain, they can also be the deepest sources of joy and comfort and meaning.

Have a *serious* relationship this Christmas with those you love and who love you.

And we wish you a Merry Christmas and a *serious* New Year.

December Worship

Scripture Readings

December 7 | Advent 2

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

December 14 | Advent 3

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
1 Thess. 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 21 | Advent 4

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Luke 1:46b-55
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

December 28 | Christmas 1

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalm 148
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40

Worship Leaders

	12/7	12/14	12/21	12/24	12/28
Assisting Minister	Paul Olsen	Gordon Trombley	Steve Olson	Paul Olsen	Gordon Trombley
Lector	Donna Smith	Karen Olsen	Elaine Hardin	Vicki Cook	Marge Skrinde
Acolytes	Jackson Ter Hark	Gavin Gough	Payton Johnson	Gordon Trombley	Kyle Gough
Communion & Altar Care	Elaine Hardin				
Greeters and Ushers	Lollie Ellingson Diane Chapman	Kyle Gough Heidi Gough	Gordon Trombley Kyle Gough	Laurie Meade Bill Meade	Laurie Meade Bill Meade
Song Leaders	Vicki Cook	Julie Moe Janice Sherlock	Heidi Gough	N/A	Paul Olsen
Children's Time	Children's Pageant	Heidi Gough	Pastor Julie	Heidi Gough	Pastor Julie
Musician	Lennon Aldort			Jim Rice	Lennon Aldort

Happy December Birthdays!


4 Jonathan Stever	11 Ben Smith	Taylor Martin	27 Calvin North	31 John Hicks
5 Shannon Stief	16 Stephanie Bloom	20 Megan Meade	28 Anne Jamieson	Erika Skovron
6 Bette Harris	16 James Gibbs	Michelle Sorrick	28 Annamarie Norman	Pam Stever
7 Kris Goble	18 Carl Ebeling	24 Leia Smith	29 Lola Whitner	
Dale Ebeling	18 Janice Sherlock	26 Vanessa Elliott		
		Vivian Harlin		

Congrats to our December Anniversaries!

29 Carla & Lowell Burgason	31 Kris & Ray Goble
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December 2014

See our live calendar online for any changes or updates: www.luthermemoralseattle.com/calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Missing a Sunday this month?</i> Try out Online Giving through our website: www.luthermemoralseattle.com/onlinegiving</p>	<p>1 <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i> 6 Girl Scouts 7 NW Chorale Rehearsal</p>	<p>2 7 Early Ford V8 Club</p>	<p>3 9:30 Seekers 3:45 BT Chess Club 6 Midweek Advent Activities 7 Midweek Advent Service 7 Nar-Anon</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 7 Foss Christmas Party</p>	<p>6 7:30 FARA 12 Soup and Song Event 6 NW Chorale Concert</p>
<p>7 9 First Sunday Faith Forum, Sunday School, and Fruits of the Spirit Breakfast 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 11:30 Giving Tree Tags due to LMLC 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church</p>	<p>8 <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i> 1:30 Book Brigade</p>	<p>9 6 LMLC Council 6 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>10 9:30 Seekers 3:45 BT Chess Club 6 Midweek Advent Activities 7 Midweek Advent Service 7 Nar-Anon</p>	<p>11 6 Cub Scouts 6:30 Youth Justice 7 Broadview Garden Club</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 7:30 FARA</p>
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